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## **KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORN, LAW ENFORCEMENT FIND 1,600 IMAGES IN HIS POSSESSION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing child pornography.

**Stephen R. Burrows**, 54, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Burrows** admitted that he distributed child pornography over the Internet on Dec. 24, 2003.

**Burrows** was involved in a Yahoo! Group devoted to child pornography, Graves said, when law enforcement officers learned that he was distributing the materials. A subsequent search of his residence revealed a total of 1,624 images and 86 movies containing child pornography. Sixty-two of the images of child pornography depicted sadistic or masochistic scenes and a number of the images and movies involved children under the age of 12.

**Burrows** also agreed to forfeit any property used to commit the offense, including a Dell Optiplex desktop computer, a generic desktop computer, a Sun Spark Server 5 desktop computer, four Maxtor hard drives, an Atlanta-P200 desktop computer, a Fireball hard drive, three Seagate hard drives and CD-R discs containing child pornography.

Under federal statutes, **Burrows** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Heart of America Regional Computer

Forensic Laboratory.

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